

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 - 13 (cancelled)

Claims 14 - 25 (new).

Claims:

14. (new) A fastener device comprising a nut, a threaded member for receiving the nut, and visual indicator means for visually indicating if the nut has unintentionally become loose on the threaded member during use of the fastener device, the visual indicator means being such that it comprises an indicator member which is pivotally mounted on the nut, at least one recess in the threaded member, and biasing means which biases the indicator member into the recess and thereby to an indicating position in which the indicator member gives a visual indication that the nut has become loose, the biasing means being such that it firstly operates automatically consequent upon the nut becoming unintentionally loose and it secondly operates without a requirement for a tool for tightening and loosening the nut to be placed over the nut, and the indicator member being such that when it is in the recess it prevents further unintentional loosening of the nut on the threaded member.
15. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which the indicator member includes an indicator portion which extends proud of the nut when the indicator member is in the recess.
16. (new) A fastener device according to claim 15 and including a pivot member which pivotally mounts the indicator member on the nut such that the indicator member extends radially with respect to a threaded bore through the nut.
17. (new) A fastener device according to claim 16 in which the pivot member pivotally mounts the indicator member in a slot in the nut.
18. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which the recess for receiving the indicator member is a slot on the threaded member.
19. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which there are at least two of the recesses for receiving the indicator member.
20. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which there is only one of the indicator members on the nut.
21. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which there are at least two of the indicator members of the nut.
22. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which the biasing means is a coil spring or a V-spring.

23. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which at least a part of the indicator member is coloured so as to attract attention.

24. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 in which the visual indicator means is made of a plastics material.

25. (new) A fastener device according to claim 14 and in which the threaded member is a bolt or a stud.